

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 22, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Attending: John Stratton, Lois O'Donnell, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Jim Nervig, Dennis Adamson, Jeanne Uhl, JoEllen Nervig, Joe Pitts, JoAnn Adamson, and Bob Fontana.

President John Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 22, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Motion by JoEllen Nervig and 2nd by Dennis Adamson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Jim Nervig reviewing March monthly report (February 18, 2022 – March 21, 2022), Balance sheet ending March 21, 2022, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – March 21, 2022). Motioned by Joe Pitts and 2nd by JoEllen Nervig to approve report. Motion carried. Bob Fontana was present to discuss the memorial money for his father, Ron. Several items were discussed, one being a steel bench like at the corner of SW Cherry and SW Third. Bob will talk with Joel Cox of Porchlight and President of the Uptown Association about where it was purchased.

Office Manager's Report:

- Lois O'Donnell will be managing the office until a new office manager can be hired.
- Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Dennis Adamson and Joe Pitts have volunteered to meet with the French students on April 5.
- Channel 5 did a report on Karla Wrights presentations about Mary Ankeny Hunter.
- Some membership renewals were not sent out or received. Lois will check on that.
- Memorial money was discussed. Our current policy is that after one year if no request to do something special with it, then it will go into the general fund. John Stratton suggested it could go into a sustainability account or ear-marked for future projects. It was suggested the we have a wish list so when someone makes a donation that the money can go towards one of these items.

Grants/Fundraising: Lois O'Donnell

- Lois reported that we have applied for the Polk County Community Betterment Grant in the amount of \$5,000. We are asking money for hiring a temporary person for 200 hours @\$15/hour, repairing wallpaper in the office \$1500, and headphones for the TVs in the barn \$500. We received a \$3,200 artistic and cultural grant money from Bravo.

New Business:

- Still no applications for an Office Manager.
- Discussion was held on changing open houses to Saturday mornings from 10 am to noon same dates as Farmer's Market. It was agreed to try this in June and see how it goes. There will be no Sunday open houses in June.
- Rosemary Hutton Taylor reported that she met with Tara Tyler Gentile about a children's summer camp. Tara will be sending an itinerary to Rosemary. Bravo grant money could be used for this.
- JoAnn Adamson reported that she had been contacted by Tony Kline at Centennial High School. She will be contacting Ankeny alumni to talk about growing up in Ankeny in the 50's, 60's and early 70's. Tony will be connecting with Ankeny High School about alumni talking to students there.
- 2022 Budget was finalized
- The changes on the Bylaws were reviewed by John Stratton. Dennis Adamson will send a copy of changes to members for their approval.
- Purpose of restricting Memorial Funds were discussed. No decision was made on any changes.

- Museum goals/projects – a written report listing the museums and goals was reviewed. John Stratton reminded this is a fluid list moving forward.
- Bob Fontana volunteered to help with the Membership Committee. He also presented an “A” hat that was worn by fans during the late 1940’s and early 1950’s. A cartridge box from the Des Moines Ordnance Plant. He also reported that he had been to Ankeny Schools to retrieve a Ankeny High School trophy.

Opportunities:

- Evan Albaugh: summer internship through Grinnell College with money from the college. John Stratton asked the group to make a list of items Evan could help us with.

Projects: Lois updated on the project list. John is working on signage for benefactor recognition plaques. Still looking for volunteers to write/develop info for TV Slides.

Board Member Elections in the Fall (2022): John Stratton reminded us to look for people who would want to be on the board.

Programs/Tour:

- April Luncheon: Rosemary Hutton Taylor reported that all the tickets have been sold.
- Ice Cream Social: will be held June 26, the last Sunday in June. The Art Center was interested in joining us but it was decided to do it ourselves and maybe do something else with them.
- May 8th Grade Tour: John Stratton will contact the schools about the tours.
- Tour Protocols: We will align with Ankeny Schools’ Policies and Procedures.

Unfinished Business:

- John Stratton said he will follow up with AAHS Newspaper Flyer, Endowment Committee Ideas, Main Front Sign and House Basement Update: Ankeny Service Club.
- Joe Pitts will look into fixing the sign out front.

Future long-term items to consider:

- Reminder that Ankeny’s Sesquicentennial is in 2025.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Adamson, 2nd by JoEllen Nervig. Motion passed. Next board meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ 5:30.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor